

**Virginia Board of Education  
Early Childhood Committee  
February 27, 2007**

**3 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**James Monroe Building  
22<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Jefferson Conference Room  
Richmond, Virginia**

**Committee Members Present:** Mrs. Eleanor Saslaw, Chair; Dr. Billy Cannaday, Mrs. Isis Castro, Dr. Mark Emblidge, Dr. Ella Ward, Dr. David Johnson, and Dr. Thomas Brewster

**Purpose of Committee:** To hear overviews of the proposed Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Standards for Physical and Motor Development and for Personal and Social Development, the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) start-up and expansion grants, and the National Association of State Boards of Education Early Childhood Grant Committee's visit to VPI classrooms in Arlington County Public Schools.

**Summary of Committee Meeting:**

1. Welcome from Mrs. Saslaw, Chair
2. Introduction of Presenters
3. Cheryl Strobel, Early Childhood Specialist, Virginia Department of Education
  - a. Overview of current Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Standards for Literacy, Mathematics, Science, and History and Social Science
  - b. Presentation of proposed Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Standards for Physical and Motor Development and for Personal and Social Development
4. Mark Allan, Director of Elementary Instructional Services, Virginia Department of Education
  - a. Overview of VPI start-up and expansion grants
    1. Summary of applicants
    2. Number of additional students to be served
    3. Use of grant funds

- b. Overview of National Association of State Boards of Education Early Childhood Grant Committee's visit to VPI classrooms in Arlington County Public Schools